

Chet Raley

Chet is recognized as the premier slalom coach. He is an excellent technician teaching the finer points of slalom, tricks, and wakeboarding. He also is excellent as a technician with the equipment we use in our sport. Chet has proven himself as an excellent slalom skier with National Records, winning the gold at the US Nationals, Senior World Champion, and Big Dawg competitor. Chet is always available to assist with judging our local tournaments. It is hard to believe that one person can have all these positive capabilities wrapped in one body, Chet has worked hard over many years to have achieved his many goals.

Chet Raley has long been one of water skiing's most sought-after coaches. His devotion to the athletes he coaches and attention to detail in his methods drive his ability to produce the champions of tomorrow. While he is well known for his coaching abilities, Chet is also an excellent skier himself and was an innovator in early wakeboarding techniques. Chet learned to water ski at a very young age, trying multiple disciplines on the water and has competed in local, regional and National tournaments over the years. His more recent accomplishments as a world champion and Big Dawg competitor have helped him to become an even better coach. Chet's wakeboard coaching brought him worldwide notoriety. He is credited for one of the most groundbreaking tricks in wakeboarding - the "Raley" which carries his name. This evolved while Chet coached Hall Of Fame wakeboarder Darin Shapiro. The Raley is one of the core skills on both cable and boat teaching a rider how to use the tension of the rope and the speed one generates to control oneself in the air. A Raley is the basis of most technical maneuvers. Chet Raley operates the Palm Beach Training Center in Boca Raton and has earned guru-like status throughout his 20+ years of coaching in both water skiing and wakeboarding.